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FANATICAL RIOTERS SANG AMID SHOTS
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heads. When one of them fell under the withering machine gun and small arms fire others would drag him back to his feet and he would continue to sing Communist songs. Later they continued to sing while lying wounded on the ground. Some still were singing hours later when they were placed on the operating tables in the hospital."
The riot finally broke Sunday. At 12:30 P. M. the prisoners in Compound F massed on a high ledge of their enclosure looking down on their guards. They linked arms and began to sing their forbidden songs — "General Kim Il Sung," "The Song of the Red Soldier" and "The Song of the Declaration of Independence of North Korea."
Prisoners Took Stand on Ledge
One hundred and seventy extra Korean troops and forty American were rushed to the lower edge of Compound F. They stood with fixed bayonets and loaded rifles just below the singing prisoners. Colonel Miller was at their head.
He ordered the American troops to fire one round with shotguns at the prisoners. The round was fired but the singing now had been taken up by all the compounds and became more frenzied. The colonel ordered another round fired. The singing continued.
Colonel Miller ordered fifty South Korean soldiers and forty Americans to fire with rifles and carbines into the massed ranks in Compound F. At the same time a .50-caliber machine gun was fired from a near-by tower into Compound B.
At first the fire had little effect on the fanatics. Forced to their knees by their wounds, they kept singing and kept throwing rocks. But when the second round of firing was ordered and bullets plowed into the compounds, cutting many down, the singing began to die out.
The machine gun, which was fired under the supervision of an American officer, stopped a march on the wire fence.
"They just stopped moving forward then," Colonel Miller said. "They didn't try to take cover or to move back. They just stopped where they were. They seemed so taken by their own fanaticism that the bullets didn't seem to bother them."
THE NEW YORK TIMES, DECEMBER 17, 1952.

Once American poets wrote of singing tomorrows

And for the crime of singing of tomorrow, defenseless Koreans in a wire cage were butchered. Even as this was happening, President Truman was unveiling the Bill of Rights, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence (a revolutionary document) in their new shrine under the dome of the Natl. Archives Bldg. The documents are enclosed in brass-bound glass receptacles from which the air has been exhausted and helium added. The marble structure in which they repose sinks into a vault 20 feet below the surface of the exhibition room, the N. Y. Times said, where the documents would be "safe from disaster." Old-fashioned Americans might feel they would be safer if they were taken out of the helium and restored to the people who inherited them.

ROSENBERG DEADLINE WEEK OF JAN. 12

World clemency cry swells; last legal defense moves

EARLY this week defense attorneys for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, scheduled to be executed as "atom spies" in the week beginning Jan. 12, argued before a U. S. Court of Appeals against a lower court ruling that the convictions and death sentences must stand. They also appealed for a stay of execution. (The court's decision could not be known before GUARDIAN went to press.) The appeal was one of the few legal avenues remaining to the defense; an adverse ruling there will give supreme importance to the mounting national and world-wide pleas for executive clemency by the President.

For holiday greetings—and proof of wide support—nearly 1,000 men and women last Sunday journeyed to Ossining, site of Sing Sing prison where the Rosenbergs are confined in the death house. Police barricaded the street leading to the prison and the demonstrators were not allowed near the institution's walls, but for two hours in a heavy rain they sang songs and heard addresses by their leaders—William L. Patterson, head of the Civil Rights Congress which organized the clemency expedition, author Howard Fast, and others. A small delegation was permitted to place a wreath at the closest point to the prison permitted by the police.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK: World-wide protest against the death sentence grew last week (see p. 5). From Guatemala City came a message signed by 22 of that country's congressmen urging Truman to grant clemency.

In Philadelphia the Independent Voters League of Germantown and Chestnut also appealed for clemency, calling the death sentences

> **. . . a totally unprecedented situation and one which is considered cruel and excessive by increasing numbers of people all over the world.**

In Chicago the Congress Hotel canceled a meeting scheduled for the Rosenbergs on Jan. 8 a week after confirming the date, but the Chicago Comm. to Secure Justice in the Rosen-

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AN EXCLUSIVE EYE-WITNESS REPORT

How captive GI's live in N. Korea

By Wilfred Burchett

In presenting these notes on American POW's in N. Korea, the GUARDIAN is conscious of the special necessity for accuracy in a matter involving the deepest emotions of thousands of wives, mothers and fathers in America. We are equally aware that any favorable description of life in N. Korean POW camps, at a time when terror and death stalk U. S.-administered camps in S. Korea, will be called "propaganda" by those whose own propaganda collapses if the description is true.

For this reason we have refrained from publishing accounts of the camps which have come to us from Chinese sources. The material below was given to New Zealand delegates to the Peking Peace Conference who interviewed British reporter Wilfred Burchett. Burchett is now N. Korea correspondent for the Paris Communist daily Ce Soir. *While for this reason the hysterical may discount his reports in advance, for the unhysterical his record is pertinent. Before Korea he was East European correspondent for the London* Daily Express, *London* Times *and* Christian Science Monitor. *He resigned from the* Express *when it used under his byline a false report about a "purge" in Rumania. The* Monitor *fired him after he reported on religious freedom in Hungary.*

Although well known in E. Europe as a "bourgeois" correspondent, he took the Ce Soir *job because he could not connive in lying and the paper would publish what he wrote. He is the author of a number of books and was with Gen. Stilwell in Burma and China.*

I HAVE visited all the POW camps in N. Korea, and this is what they are like. They are something like vacation camps; there is no barbed wire, but there is a guard, usually unobtrusive. The prisoners always get as much or more food than Chinese soldiers, although the supply is hard to maintain —I saw and heard evidence of U. S. destruction of food stores and grain in the fields.

The meat ration is three ounces a day in summer, six in winter, with fish in addition; where there is no fish, they are given money to go and buy extra food in the market and they often buy chicken and eggs and have eggs every day. Moslems get their own kitchen, with beef instead of pork. Americans couldn't eat millet and so are given rice and wheat. They get soya-bean milk and sugar to drink. There is a high tobacco ration, and U. S. and British books and magazines are available—not all political.

A SLIGHT CONTRAST WITH PONGAM
Fishing, swimming—and singing—permitted in this N. Korean camp

For recreation there are swimming, fishing, all sports they can think of. They have theatrical shows, and the Chinese helped the Christians to build a church. Political readings and study go on in the camp; at first these were compulsory, but now they are voluntary. POW's get a winter and summer suit of clothes, tooth-brush and soap, and at Christmas a parcel with presents of handkerchiefs, socks etc. Often they get the coats off the Korean soldiers' backs. This often overwhelms them with horror at the deliberate lies they were told about Koreans, and at the things they themselves have done.

Shame felt by U. S. airmen

Why do U. S. airmen who have been taken prisoner after dropping germ bombs confess? One example is Lt. Paul R. Kniss, with whom I talked. He is a very decent, simple, likeable man with a working-class background. He said he always thought the U. S. must be right about everything because it stood for everything good. He was told germ warfare was a lie and he must refute all rumors. Then when he got to Korea he was picked out to be taught how it was being done. From that moment, he said, the U. S. A. lost a loyal soldier—all his sense of decency was outraged. For two months he went through a long disillusionment. He was sent out to bomb tiny little groups of mud huts and his reports were recorded as "major offensive against enemy concentrations," etc. He made up his mind to tell the truth about germ warfare the first chance he got—and that's what he did.

Lt. John Quinn was also disgusted.

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THE MAIL BAG

Rosenbergs and Prague

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Many people to whom I have talked about the Rosenberg Case have pointed out, in seeming defense of the government's action, recent press charges of anti-Semitism thousands of miles away son trials. It seems a little upside-down to worry about alleged anti-Semitism thousnads of miles away in another country while being blind to the anti-Semitic character of the Rosenberg trial under our very noses, and in our own country where we ought to be able to do something about it.

These same people who damned Slansky all over the lot because he was a Communist rushed to defend him as soon as the U. S. press made him look like a martyr.

I hope these people who are concerned about anti-Semitism, and rightly so, take another look at the American Rosenberg Case and let the Czechs worry about their own affairs. **Charter reader**

DENVER, COLO.

I go down the line with you on the Rosenberg Case; I believe their death sentence was a travesty on justice and a crime. And I have said so publicly.

But I was more than a little shocked at your whitewash of the Czech government in the recent "purge" trials. By all standards that can be applied, isn't it obvious that if the Rosenberg affair was a travesty and a crime, the Prague case was brutal, bloody murder and nothing more?

I have spoken out and intend to go on speaking out against injustice when it rears its ugly head in our country. But I also believe that injustice, even as justice, recognizes no geographical boundaries, and certainly no double standards.

Max Awner

How crazy can you get dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—The President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation reported today that Americans last year spent about $180,000,000 on medical research. This, the commission said, was "only about 3/10 of 1% of the nation's defense budget, and was less than the amount spent on monuments and tombstones."

—N. Y. World Tele., Dec. 18.

One year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner this week needs no sub; name — George Evans, GUARDIAN circulation manager.

Jane Russell Ridge

TOPEKA, KAN.

I have been reading in the papers how we lost Sniper's Ridge, Jane Russell Ridge and how the Army officers were appalled at our losses. I wonder if they were really appalled at how many good men they threw away.

With all due respect to Miss Russell (and she is very pretty), I have wondered how she feels having a ridge named after her, with men drenching her namesake with their blood. **Walter F. Saar**

It doesn't make sense

NEWARK, N. J.

Copy of letter written to President Truman:

Who is kidding whom in the great debate between Truman and MacArthur? We are all mortals and human, and we all err. The Korean mess has been researched and probed from all angles. MacArthur is a good general, and so I would be, with all the gun power we possess. MacArthur has no solution to Korea. While Mac and Ike talk you have the power to act and immediately declare a truce.

It does not make sense to fight for the rights of the enemy's prisoners and to destroy our own men in that endeavor. Let's forget our prestige—one mother's son is worth all the prestige. There are no victors in any wars, both sides are the losers, for the dead the recompense is equal. It's about time we all became properly Christianized and practiced Christianity which negates wars. Let's respect each other's differences and step up the cause of the Brotherhood of Man.

George Wright

Hot Cross Guns

WILLOWBROOK, CALIF.

Much speculation has been advanced as to what kind of meals were served Ike on the U.S.S. Helena on his return from his "peace mission" to Korea. The following menu (as typical) is rumored to have been cooked up by Chef Jean Francois Dulles:

M E N U

Liquors
Enfield, 1935 Springfield, 1917
Garand M-1
Radio-active phosphorous cocktail
Nitro "soup" Split-atom soup
Chopped olive branch salad
Entree
Roast cartridge (under glass)
Roast young bullet a la Koje Island
—Mortar on the half shell—
Potatoes au grenade
Beets a la Bazooka
Anti-personnel beans
(a la mess sergeant)
Finger bowls (heavy water)
Napalm pudding en casserole
Assorted dum-dums
Black Crepe suzettes
Phosgene Smokes (Lewisite)

Manon Horace

$eason's Greeting$

CHICAGO, ILL.

You know, I think it is especially difficult to get funds at this time of the year. Women especially have their minds so full of what to buy whom and how much to spend—and so very often spend more than they had intended. Their minds are so disturbed with the thousand little family details at holiday time that they cannot think of the important things.

Don't lose hope. **E. B.**

We all know how right E. B. is, and this is why there is probably a GUARDIAN reply envelope in your unattended mail stack. Why not dig it out between the holidays and let us hear from you? Ed.

Canard Enchaine, Paris

"Whaddya mean, my regime is uncultured?"

Cats and Koreans

CRAWFORD, NEB.

The Omaha World-Herald had a story (11/14) in which it quoted from the Gering (Neb.) Courier. It seems that three Gering boys dipped a cat in kerosene and then set fire to her. The paper said the boys laughed as the cat ran home, nearly setting fire to the building. The Courier called it "perverted and inhumane entertainment."

Comment: The boys must have been reading up on the napalming of humans in Korea. Just what would the Courier call that?

H. E. Keas

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I enclose the copy of a letter from Dr. Alice Hamilton which appeared in the N.Y. Times. I am sure you will be moved, as I am, by the words of this distinguished woman:

Reversed Role of the Informer

I have just read with deep distress that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn has been sentenced to jail because she refuses to accuse her friends and associates of being Communists. In other words, she refuses to buy her own freedom at the expense of disaster to others, for she knows what it means to be accused of Communist affiliation. It seems that the law allows her to refuse to give information that would incriminate her, but allows the court to force her to give evidence that would incriminate others.

Surely we have left far behind the standards we used to accept without question. Far from despising the informer who gains advantage for himself by betraying those who have trusted him, we now praise him, congratulate him for his "cooperation," and forgive him all the excesses of his past. It is a strange sense of honor we are bequeathing to the younger generation.

I know, of course, that Miss Flynn is not the first to go to jail rather than turn informer. Her fate moves me especially because I have known her for many years and have followed her career with admiration for her selfless idealism. This last action of hers is further proof of her essential nobility.

Alice Hamilton, M. D.
Hadlyme, Conn.

Will you join with me and others in adopting this statement as our own? Will you also show your support for her courageous stand by sending a contribution toward Miss Flynn's defense — as large or as small as you can afford?

Anna Rochester
Rm. 604, 401 Broadway
New York 13, N. Y.

Christmas Comes to John D. Rockefeller's Church

I saw a star, stabbed by a steeple,
Bleeding down on unheeding people
Who, hating dust upon their knees,
Sat back relaxed and took their ease
In godly comfort, row on row.
(Listen, it almost drowns the sounds
Of shells that make Korean towns
Where lovers walked and children came
A flash, a thunder and a flame)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Provided he's the God we know
Who sends us gushers spouting oil
To keep our hands unspoilt by toil
Praise God, praise gold, remembering well
Gold has no memory, stain or smell
If God remembers? Pass the plate
We'll grease our way thro' heaven's gate.
Praise peace, but not at any price:
Peace at a bargain's often nice
But if it's one of Stalin's snares;
Praise God for our munition shares.
I saw a star, stabbed by a steeple,
Bleeding down on unheeding people
Heedless of their approaching shock
When history tolls their twelve o'clock
And, utterly beyond their ken,
Brings peace on earth, goodwill to men.

—J. S. Wallace

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REPORT TO READERS

The happy(?) tale of a $10,000 deficit

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.

—Wilkins Micawber, in Dickens' **David Copperfield.**

WE cite Mr. Micawber's sad financial story as we go to press with our last issue of 1952, because in part his story is ours for the closing year.

Our annual income was a little higher than his—a matter of $160,000—and our outgo was a slightly larger matter of $170,000.

THIS leaves us a shortage just as grievesome as Mr. Micawber's in proportion, but our state of mind is not one of misery.

Ours is one of satisfaction, because for our $160,000 we have been able to print and circulate some 3,250,000 copies of the GUARDIAN to some 60,000 readers all over the U. S. A. throughout the year—and we have tried our best to load up every issue with the straightest, most useful information we were able to obtain.

OUR $10,000 DEFICIT is mighty, mighty small for a paper like ours, which neither gets nor seeks the sponsorship of General Motors ad campaigns and the like—but small as it is, we have to ask you personally to help us meet it.

A DOLLAR BILL in an envelope right now, while you're in the holiday mood, will help us pay off for '52 and start '53 with a clean slate.

If you can afford more, you can bet it will go to good use as we head into '53—but right now the situation calls merely for a friendly round of dollar bills from all hands, stuck in the mail this very day.

If we don't hear from you, we are very much afraid the result may be misery as perishing as Mr. Micawber's. But we always have heard from you when the going was rough, and we think Christmas, '52, will be no exception.

Happy New Year!

—THE EDITORS

AP vs. AP

VIENNA, Dec. 13 (AP)—The Communist leadership of the Congress of Peoples for Peace made certain today that no delegate would be able to criticize publicly the military or political situation behind the Iron Curtain.

—N. Y. Times, Dec. 14.

VIENNA, Dec. 14 (AP)—An Italian delegate, Signora Alexandra Piaggio, criticized Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky's rejection at the UN of India's proposal for ending the Korean War. She also assailed Russia's press and propaganda campaign as frustrating peace efforts.

—N. Y. Times, Dec. 15.

Watch for the GUARDIAN's report on the Vienna Peace Congress next week. —Ed.

IS THE BOTTOM FALLING OUT OF THE BOOM?

Economic front: the real danger facing America

By Victor Perlo

ARE we about to enter an Eisenhower "era of prosperity," a quarter-century after the Coolidge-Hoover "prosperity era" ended?

On the surface everything is rosy: "U.S. Economists Forecast Good Business Year," "Investment Bankers Optimistic on Outlook." November's industrial production index hit a new post-war high of 229. In October manufacturers' sales set an all-time record, and retail trade was 9% over a year ago. Unemployment (officially measured) is under 1½ million, lowest since the war. Profits remain sky-high.

Since Eisenhower's election the stock market has, according to the best indexes, passed the peak of the 1929 boom. Investment bankers flourish in a new securities-promotion wave reminiscent of the '20's. The factory work-week for Oct. reached a post-war high, and with iit the money earnings of wage-earners. The rise in living costs has been slowed.

SHAKY FOUNDATION: What goes on below the rosy surface? The basis of the boom is coming to an end.

For 2½ years the economy has been riding on the Korean War and the huge arms program, which saved big business from an earlier slump. The "hot" part of the Korea boom was during the first year. Despite the new "peacetime" peak, production this year will **average** about 1% less than in 1951.

Since early 1951, while production of war materials and capital goods has risen, consumer-goods production has fluctuated with an overall downward trend and with a pronounced slump in 1952's first half. Many saw in this a sign of an imminent depression. They were premature. True, the drop in consumer goods production resulted from the people's falling purchasing power; but, as always happens in a capitalist system, the former went further than the latter. Now we see a rise in consumer-goods production which has already restored the balance and gone ahead of consumer purchasing power.

MORE WAR—OR BUST: These fluctuations in consumer-goods industries will not be decisive alone. They cannot go too far so long as tens of millions are able to buy from incomes received in war and capital-goods industries.

THE SIGN SAYS: "SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"
M. Greaume, famous Parisian florist, marks the holiday season with this window display showing Gen. Eisenhower and Premier Stalin exchanging doves, with flowers in the offing. The French are sensitive people.

Mainspring of the economy is the more than $100 billion yearly spent for war and for capital investment, and more or less equally divided between the two. **Both** must continue for the boom to last. Installation of new machines, completion of new factories are going ahead at an enormous rate. Sooner or later these must pour out a flood of goods for final use. When that happens there will be a collapse in both consumer-goods and capital-goods industries—a real depression.

The normal today is that the bulk of the capital goods will pour out war materials, not consumer goods. The formula has to be changed. **Sooner or later there has to be either a violent rise in the market for war materials, or there will be a general collapse, even if the production of war materials isn't reduced.**

SLOWING DOWN: This point of decision is approaching. Already most of the machines and factories needed for the planned volume of war materials have been or are being made. The monthly rate of new orders for machine tools is only 40% of what it was early in 1951.

Big business tries to delay the debacle—by such tricks as stockpiling raw materials—and now, the proposed stockpiling of machine tools. But the experience with raw materials shows that stockpiles end up by hanging over and further weakening the market.

So behind the surface of optimism, many serious spokesmen of big business are deeply pessimistic.

IN IKE'S LAP: The Guaranty Trust Co., leading bank of the Morgan group, finds in its Nov. **Guaranty Survey**:

> **In the economic field, there is perhaps no more important question at the moment than that of Federal attitude in the event of an actual or threatened business recession.**

This question it considers "more urgent" than at any earlier post-war period. It explains:

> **Today's prosperity admittedly rests upon a temporary foundation. The rearmament program has raised government spending to a record-breaking peacetime level and business investment to an all-time peak. These are extraordinary sources of demand that cannot continue indefinitely at their present volume. Current indications are that their upward movement will cease within the not-distant future and that a decline will follow, bringing wide changes in the general business picture.**

The journal won't pinpoint its prediction. The decline could begin

> **. . . within a year, or it could be deferred for two years or more. Present indications suggest, however, that it is likely to take place during the term of office of the next Federal Administration.**

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN: Elliott V. Bell, editor-publisher of **Business Week**, in a Nov. 18 speech to the N.Y. Economic Club, specified a whole series of signs of the coming crash: tightening money rates, narrowing profit margins, high inventories, excess of house construction over marriages, approaching peak of arms spending, peak of the capital expansion program, falling demand for U.S. exports, and:

> **For the first time since 1929, we have a great boom in industry with world-wide weakness in commodity prices.**

He concludes that whatever may be the present boom's duration,

> **. . . the new Republican administration will probably have to deal with a major business setback before its lease on the White House expires.**

The danger is real that we are moving not into another "New Era," but directly from the Korean boom into an "Eisenhower depression" akin to the fearful "Hoover depression."

The **bigger** danger is in the rising spread-the-war propaganda largely stimulated by the fear of depression.

WILL WAR BE EXTENDED TO AVERT SLUMP?

Growing American unrest over Korea plagues Eisenhower on Inaugural eve

"PEACE not only in Korea, but in the world in general" was the announced subject of talks last week between President-elect Eisenhower, Gen. MacArthur and Secy. of State-designate John F. Dulles in Dulles' home off New York's Park Avenue. The talks on the world-wide strategy of the new administration were held against a background of mounting pressures from opposite directions.

Public disgust with the Korean War, and opposition to its extension and to the U.S. stand on POW repatriation, were forcing themselves through the blackout in conservative newspapers (Arizona **Daily Star**, Cleveland **Plain Dealer**, Washington **Post**) and becoming "a hot breath of impatience on his [Eisenhower's] neck" (Marquis Childs, N.Y. **Post**, 12/16). Economic pressures to extend the war—and war spending—to stave off a looming depression were intensifying (see Perlo, p. 3). How to retain allies, and get the necessary forces and material, for an extended war which might get out of hand remained a vexing problem for the global strategists..

UNPEACEFUL WEEK: The Eisenhower-MacArthur-Dulles meeting climaxed a week in which:

De Groene, Amsterdam

• Washington broke off long-suspended Korea truce talks with the ultimatum that its POW stand must be accepted first; a renewed Chinese proposal (Dec. 13) for immediate cease-fire, with resumption of talks on the basis of the 59 out of 60 draft agreements already signed, was rejected.

• Eighty-four Chinese-N. Korean POW's were shot dead, 180 wounded, by guards in the U.S.'s Pongam Island camp for singing national songs, as the U.S. continued to resist POW repatriation on "humanitarian" grounds. (Toll since truce agreement was reached on all but POW issue: 280 admitted killed, 1,000 wounded, in U.S. POW camps; 5,982 U.S. soldiers killed in battle, 21,817 wounded.) The Pongam camp commander's explanation for ordering guards to shoot when the caged, unarmed POW's were "told to stop singing" and refused, was that he

> **. . . had learned from an informer that the singing incident would be used in connection with an attempt to break out (N.Y. Times, 12/22).**

After an all-night session the Assembly on Monday morning rejected 45-5 a Soviet resolution condemning the "mass murder" in Pongam, calling on the U.S. to "end the brutalities, call those guilty of committing these crimes to strict account."

• U.S. planes bombed (Robt. S. Allen, N.Y. **Post**, 12/18)

> **. . . virtually right on the Manchurian-Russian border in N.E. Korea . . . closest [raid] so far made to Chinese and Russian territory. This was one of its chief purposes. . . . The attack tested Chinese and Russian reaction to close-in bombing.**

• NATO's Council met in Paris without solving the apparently impossible problem of meeting "European Army" goals. But in formally voting France's Indo-China war a "common concern," NATO for the first time admitted what it denied two years ago: the colonial character of the alliance. The move laid a foundation for possible linking of the Korean and Indo-China wars in a common strategy for what Walter Lippmann (12/1) called "a much larger conflict around all the frontiers of China." The Alsops (12/19) reported the new administration would warn China, as Dulles put it last May, of

> **. . . retaliatory action of our own fashioning, [and give] the war in Indo-China absolute priority over every other American effort abroad, including the rearmament of Western Europe, and excluding only the Korean War.**

COUNTING THE COST: Other factors to be taken into account in weighing the chances of extended war:

• Some top U.S. brass seemed to realize the risks and the cost. Gen. Van Fleet estimated that a new "limited" offensive in Korea would mean 50,000 casualties; Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg has admitted the potency of China's air force, and Gen. Bradley has been reported fearful of the cost of expanded operations. But such views as that attributed by **U.S. News** (12/12) to Dulles and Eisenhower, that "the U.S. is by far the most powerful nation on earth," indicated the dangerous delusions in key places. (China contains over 1/5 of the population of the world; total population, with its ally the U.S.S.R., nearly ⅓ of the world.)

• The casualty rate "is already a serious political issue in the U.S." (Joseph Harsch, **Christian Science Monitor**, 12/17). According to **U.S.**

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Red Cross blacked out

On Dec. 14, the day after the Pongam slaughter, the Intl. Red Cross Comm. released the text of a letter it sent May 12 to Gen. Mark Clark, in which it called the killings of POW's on Koje Island "a violation of Art. 42 of the Geneva Convention." (Art. 42 classifies use of weapons against POW's as "an extreme measure" never to be resorted to without warning, "especially" in case of attempted escape.) The letter also condemned the U.S. Command for depriving POW's of food and water.

The N.Y. **Times** gave the story less than an inch. Other N.Y. newspapers, except the **Mirror** and **Worker**, ignored it.

(The story of the report on Koje Island by the Intl. Red Cross delegation, which was there at the time of the first POW massacre Feb. 18, was likewise ignored by the whole commercial press; the GUARDIAN carried it June 5.)

EXCLUSIVE FROM TEL AVIV

How Israel feels about the Prague trial

By Ursula Wassermann
Special Guardian correspondent

TEL AVIV

THE main topic of conversation, platform speeches and editorial columns here is the trial in Prague. Few in Israel do not hold pronounced views on this subject. The vast majority was either violently anti-Prague to begin with, or has since become so, thanks to the press and the country-wide protest meetings organized almost without exception by Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, which is the party in power.

It is only too easy for Israelis to identify themselves with the defendants in Prague—not only because two Israeli citiizens were called upon as witnesses; not because most Israelis ever had any sympathy for Slansky and his co-defendants; but because in Prague, Zionism, or more specifically, Zionist organizations—most of which have their headquarters in the U. S.—as well as Israeli diplomats and the Israeli government itself, were in the dock, tried in absentia. The conclusion is that by attacking the Israel government and Zionist organizations, the Prague court launched an attack on Jews as a whole, and the charge of anti-Semitism per se has been drawn time and again since the trial began.

The tone was set by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett who in parliament Nov. 24 called the trial an "anti-Semitic incitement in the undiluted tradition of Nazism." Only the Israel Communist Party has refuted such charges unequivocally, while Mapam—the United Labor Party, Israel's left-wing socialists—still remains to be heard from.

DIVISIONS ON THE LEFT: Mapam has for some time been torn by dissensions between right and left wings; the trial has brought this latent conflict into the open.

Calling itself a Zionist-Leninist party, Mapam's various and divergent elements have been loosely held together by common opposition to the present government, which has identified Israel with the West, rather than by common positive policy planks. It contains elements wholeheartedly in favor of a

MOSHE VIDAS—FROM BULGARIA
"A young country . . . easily hurt"

pro-Eastern foreign policy, as well as neutralists; some favor closest possible collaboration with Maki, the Israel Communist Party; others reject any common action with the Communists who are outside the Zionist movement.

As far as Prague is concerned, Mapam's only official statement (issued two days after the trial began) expressed the party's unqualified support for the "revolutionary, socialist camp," at the same time, giving unreserved support to Mordecai Oren, a member of its executive and one of the two Israelis called upon as witnesses.

SPLIT IS LIKELY: Since then the various factions, as well as the party as a whole, have been in almost continuous session—trying, one assumes, to reach some inner compromise and prevent an all-out split.

Observers here doubt if such a split can be avoided—especially since the right wing has already publicly condemned Prague, while the left wing, led by Dr. Moshe Sneh and Yaakov Riftin, calls for a clear stand acknowledging the guilt of the Prague defendants—including the two Israelis who, though only witnesses to date, confessed to certain violations of the law. The most powerful bloc within Mapam, Hashomer Hatzair, maintains a center position as already outlined in the earlier statement.

Whatever the decision, it seems likely that even if the centre group maintains its present stand the right wing will bolt the party. Whether the remainder of the party can be held together is another question.

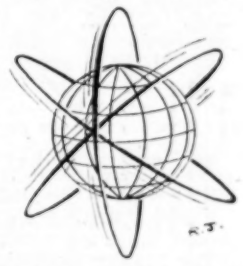
TIES TO THE LAND: Mapam's ideological difficulties have a very definite economic basis which, even within the hitherto fairly solid bloc of Hashomer Hatzair, has given rise to frequent divergence of views. Being part of the Zionist world organization, and having as its hard core of membership the kibbutzim (communal farms), Mapam has a very definite stake in Zionism on which it must depend for much financial aid, and a very definite vested interest—in the best sense of the term—in the state of Israel. Hashomer Hatzair has helped to settle the country; its farms are the pride of the nation. Young, enthusiastic, and imbued with the socialist spirit, they have often transformed Israel's rockiest and most inaccessible parts into vineyards and wheat-fields. Nor have they shunned physical danger, as many of the outlying frontier settlements prove where shooting, even today, occurs almost every night.

By the very virtue of their effort, they have also acquired a high stake in the status quo. They have a great deal more to lose than their chains! Being socialist islands in a capitalist sea, they have had, in order to survive, to do business with the powers that be and operate on the somewhat unhappy basis of constant compromise.

THE DILEMMA: Once this is realized, Mapam's political position becomes much more intelligible. If they identify themselves entirely with the People's Democracies, they are today—more than ever—in danger of losing all financial support and of being expelled from the world Zionist body.

If they identify themselves, even with qualifications, party unity will in any case be lost, and there is no guarantee that even then future aid will be forthcoming out of funds mainly controlled by bodies with headquarters in America.

If they denounce Prague, they can, as a so-called independent socialist party, count on continued aid, probably



with strings attached; but in that case they will surely go the way Tito went.

"PSYCHOLOGICAL BALLAST": There is, of course, another element that bears consideration. In no other country would the labor movement feel itself attacked if the government, or certain officials, or certain organizations connected wiith the government, came under attack. A French worker will not feel abused because a French ambassador is accused of certain violations of the law; an Italian worker will not identify himself with the attack upon Italian bourgeois circles.

If this is different here, then it is not only because Israel is a young country, highly nationalistic and with pride easily hurt; but also because, psychologically speaking, the history of the Jews is such that the attack on any part of Jewry is always felt—or if not felt, then quickly interpreted—as an attack on all Jews. It is the psychological ballast which most Israelis have brought with them from the diaspora.

URSULA WASSERMANN, a free-lance journalist, was formerly public relations director of the UN Trusteeship Dept. She edited the **Black Book** (The Nazi Crime Against the Jewish People) in 1946. Her dispatches will appear from time to time in the GUARDIAN.

Unrest over Korea

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News (12/12),

> . . . our military don't know whether the American people are willing to accept the losses inevitable in a showdown offensive.

● A decision to extend the war would necessarily involve a stepped-up offensive to silence protest at home. Signs of foundation-laying for such an offensive were freely discernible.

UN Assembly adjourns; colonial issue warms up

IN a last-minute overtime schedule before adjourning until February, UN's General Assembly:

● Approved 48-0 a resolution requesting the U. S., U. S. S. R., Britain and France to conclude a peace treaty with Austria. (The powers have agreed to 54 of the treaty's 59 articles; socialist nations did not participate in the debate on the ground UN had no authority in the matter.)

● Postponed consideration of S. Africa's annexation of the S. W. Africa trust territory. (Egypt and Iraq joined the U. S. S. R. in strong demands for consideration now.)

● Voted to set up, over U. S. and allied opposition, a 15-member committee to "submit draft definitions of 'aggression.'"

● Rejected 30-9 (10 abstentions) a Polish proposal for admission to UN of 14 candidate countries (most of them Western-sponsored); approved setting up a 19-member committee to study new-member admissions. Czechoslovakia, India and the U. S. S. R., all nominated for the commiittee, refused to serve.

STRONGER VOICES: The Assembly debates had been notable for the greater strength shown in favor of independence movements in dependent territories. Several such resolutions were adopted, though greatly modified. The resolutions—weak as they were—on Tunisian and Moroccan independence were narrowly lost (Tunisia) and approved 45-3 with 11 abstentions (Morocco); on Morocco, 8 members including Guatemala, Salvador and Pakistan joined the socialist nations in abstaining because the resolution was not strong enough.

When a weak resolution on ways to promote self-determination was approved 34-13 in the Social, Humanitarian & Cultural Committee, the colonial powers stood revealingly isolated in the rollcall vote. Among those voting against: Britain and four Dominions, Belgium, France, Netherlands and the U. S.

Summing up: The "automatic majority" of the colonial powers was not quite so automatic as before, with many Asian, Arab and Latin American delegates showing a wavering attitude either by abstentions or by absenting themselves. Nevertheless no decisive weakening of Washington domination over its satellite nations was yet to be seen; when pressed hard, the colonial powers could still whip them into line.

HAS IT A FUTURE? In spite of this small but visible tendency among U. S. satellites toward more independence on some key issues, intensified witch-hunts against UN made the organization's whole future dubious as the Assembly recessed. In a study of the implications of the current UN "red scare," Lillie Schultz summed up (**The Nation,** 12/10):

> Not satisfied with isolating the Soviet government and its bloc in the world at large, we are determined to complete their isolation within the UN, with the natural consequence of bringing about a situation in which the UN will be, not an instrument of conciliation, but an instrument for ostracizing, pursued to a point where the Soviet bloc may be forced out of the UN.

Orr in Chicago Tribune
MOSTLY FEATHERS

Jimcrow deepens 'GI problem' in Britain

CLIMAXING a series of scandalous "incidents" involving GI's stationed in Britain, and prolonged public clamor against laws often depriving British courts of jurisdiction over them, the Natl. Council for Civil Liberties in London last month overwhelmingly agreed that special laws for foreign troops must go.

These were some of the "incidents" recorded in a recent 10-day period:

> ● A U. S. airman was stopped by police while carrying away a crucifix taken from the altar of All Saints Church, Kingston. The USAF said it had "expressed deepest regret." The vicar said: "No official apology has been received; it was the least they could do."
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> ● London Airport shop stewards met to discuss action on the case of a British Airways engineer who was held up at gun point by a GI when he walked close to a U. S. plane on the field.
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> ● "An American Serviceman" was arrested after a knifing and shooting incident in a London west-end saloon between a white and a colored GI, in which one man was stabbed.
>
> ● Middlesex police were hunting two GI's accused by a woman of trying to assault her in a car, injuring and robbing her.

"LIKE HOOLIGANS": A new "incident" this month was further straining relations between GI's and their British "hosts." British-born Negro bandleader-singer Carole Fenton told the Musicians Union, after an engagement filled by her quintet at an Oxfordshire USAF base, that the officers behaved "like hooligans, in a disgusting manner." As she entered the hall she was greeted with shouts of "Dirty nigger," catcalls and jeers. One officer, she said, came up, grabbed her hand and said: "Dance, nigger." Others called: "How about coming up to my room for a drink, nigger?" The band played on, fulfilling its contract, but Miss Fenton was not paid. The base made this statement:

> The charges have been investigated and are completely unfounded. The U. S. Air Force does not practise or condone any type of segregation or discrimination.

The Musicians Union may decide as a result to ban all bands from playing at the base. The **Manchester Guardian** (11/6) described the "GI problem" as "serious and spectacular."

ROSENBERG DEADLINE: WEEK OF JAN. 12

The world rises in protest

IN MANY PARTS of the world last week individuals and organizations were sending messages to Washington or delegations to U.S. embassies demanding clemency for the Rosenbergs. Here is a sampling:

France

In an article entitled "Atomic Age Drama—the Rosenberg Case," Henri Pierre wrote in **Le Monde,** influential conservative Paris daily:

Could it be because only the Communists and their friends are exercised, and asking clemency for the condemned, that the American and European press is maintaining almost total silence on this affair?... Is it really conceivable that a simple mechanic could have made such complicated drawings from what he had heard, and without ever taking a single note?... One may ask oneself whether anti-Semitism did not play a role in the affair indirectly, and especially in the decision as to the sentence. Judge Kaufman had the choice between sentences of imprisonment or death. Was he not brought to a decision to show greater severity toward his co-religionists, on the one hand to dissociate the Jewish community from the accused, on the other to avoid attacks from the anti-Semites? One can reasonably suppose that had the Rosenbergs not been either Jews or Communists they would not have been so severely dealt with. . . .

Why the extraordinary severity of the sentence on the Rosenbergs? Should not reasonable doubt have weighed in favor of the accused? Was it desired through this terrible punishment to appease public discontent with a long and costly war by electrocuting these two Communists "as an example"? Such are the questions one is forced to ask. A gesture of clemency—more easily taken by Mr. Truman now that he is going to retire from public life—pending a possible new trial, would dissipate the uneasiness created in the hearts of all impartial observers by a trial which the prosecutor Saypol has himself called "a necessary by-product of the atomic age."

Some other comments:

"Save the Rosenbergs! Hours count; minutes count. Do not allow this crime against humanity to be committed."
PABLO PICASSO.

"This conviction, which rests on no proof whatever, is based on the statement of a police informer and on war hysteria. . . ."
NICOLE J. DREYFUS, prominent Paris attorney.

England

"In our opinion this sentence . . . is unprecedented in the history of any civilized nation. We therefore, request that the Rosenbergs be reprieved and retried. . . ."
950 men and women of Didsbury, Manchester.

"I am strongly averse to the carrying out of the death sentence in such a case as this."
LORD CHORLEY of Kendal, former Cassel Prof. of Law, Univ. of London.

Other British notables who protested include Anglican priest Dr. Paul Levertoff and Prof. Alan Bush, Royal Academy of Music. Writers: Montague Slater, Alick West, Doris Lessing, Jack Lindsay, Shaw Desmond, Edith Pargeter.

Japan

Sample of letters to the Rosenbergs:

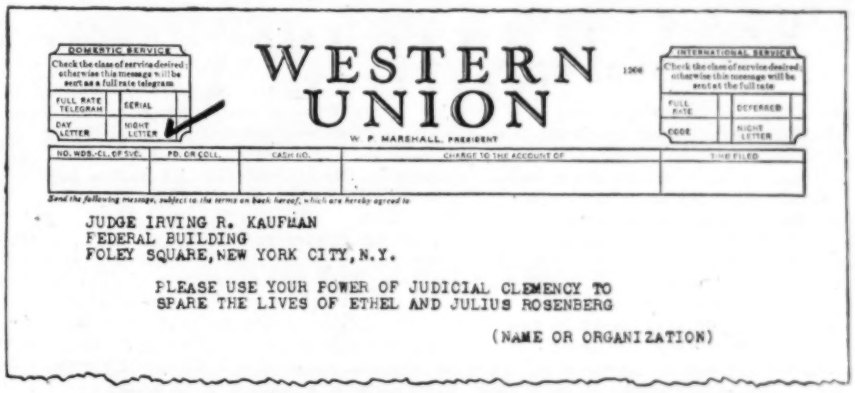
"Be in the highest spirits. We believe in your innocence. We will resist and we will fight for your release."
Students of Self-Governing Party, Faculty of Culture, Tokyo University.

"I am praying for your acquittal to the gods of heaven and earth."
YOSHIAKI MASAKI, Tokushima-Ken.

"We are ordinary folk of Japan fighting to defend peace. We are grieved and angered at your death sentence. We believe in your innocence. With respect and love."
SUSUMU IZUMI.

Italy

Vie Nuove compared the Rosenberg Case with Sacco-Vanzetti. In Milan artists rallied in mass meeting, cabled protest to Washington. Others urging clency are Tomaso Smith, director of daily newspaper **Paese Sera;** Deputies Benedetti, Marchesi, Banfi; a long list of writers and actors.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Israel

"Let the Rosenbergs live until in a saner period their guilt may be fairly and objectively considered."
Petition signed almost unanimously by workers in Fertilizer and Chemicals Plant, Haifa.

The **Jewish Weekly** titled an article on the case, "Dreyfus, Ancient and Modern."

Australia

"Our wholehearted aid to secure a new trial."
Council for Democratic Rights (19 affiliated unions.)

"Our horror and disgust at the savage sentence."
Hotel, Club & Restaurant Employees Union, New South Wales.

Melbourne's Jewish Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Fascism also joined the fight.

Canada

The League for Democratic Rights launched a national campaign. The Toronto Civil Liberties Union scheduled a conference to map its campaign. **Jewish Western Bulletin,** official organ of Jewish Community Council, Vancouver, B.C., agreed with **Brooklyn Examiner** that the "punishment is unduly harsh."

Argentina

League for the Rights of Man cabled protest.

British Guiana

"We consider the sentence not only harsh but without precedent."
People's Progressive Party.

Germany

"Preserve the life of two people whose innocence is obvious."
Exec. Comm., League of Democratic Jurists of Germany (West).

Switzerland

In a page 1 article Dec. 12 the conservative **Tribune de Geneve** called for abolition of the death penalty, said that since conviction admittedly could not have been obtained without accomplice testimony, the sentence lays the groundwork for an irreparable judicial error:

. . . What concerns us is the thought than an enormous judicial error may perhaps be committed in the country which prides itself on the dignity of the individual. It is very hard for us to understand how a double death sentence could be pronounced when evidence of the crime was not corroborated.

Inside PW camps in North Korea

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He thought the Chinese were brutal and debased, and suffered considerable shock at the pleasant treatment he got.

THE TRUTH HURTS: 2nd Lieut. Floyd B. O'Neal's story was much the same. He said he was pulled out of his university science course to be sent to Korea, where he was told germ-warfare was not being used but, if it should be, this is how it would be done. When he was shot down, he remained silent for some time because, he said, he was ashamed of what the world would think of U.S. scientists. But the Chinese and Korean soldiers and people treated him so kindly that he felt protecting U.S. scientists was not so important as telling the world what lies were being spread about these people. He spoke over and over again of this "goodness and kindness" the U.S. soldiers received from the "brutal savages."

POW's often suffer such a shock from learning the truth of what they have been doing to Koreans, and that after all the Koreans are also human and gentle people, that they go into an acute state of demoralization: they will not eat nor even get up to go to the toilet, but just lie in bed. Some even died. They did not want to live because of the sudden break-up of belief in their white-skinned superiority.

When the POW's come home

Quinn said he is prepared to face a court-martial when he comes home, but added:

"I don't think the authorities will take action against my family. I still have that much faith in America. But as for me personally—well, there comes a time in a man's life when he must stand up and fight, and this is an issue I must fight on and I don't care much what becomes of me."

The POW's know that action is already being taken to prepare some sort of "screening" for them in the U.S. before they will be discharged. Many are afraid to go home, and talk about this incessantly. They hear from their families that the boys must expect trouble if they come home with sympathy for the Koreans or Chinese. Families don't want them to be seen cheering and singing with the Chinese and Koreans, and POW's are afraid that some of the prisoners will denounce them as having been too friendly. But there are many courageous men among them, and many I believe will go back intending to make themselves heard and **will** make themselves heard.

Some malcontents are always grumbling; one group told me: "The pork we were served had some hairs left on it." That was all they could think of at the moment to complain about when I pressed them for something more.

IT'S NOT QUITE PICCADILLY, BUT . . .
You sing what you want to sing: a British POW entertains with a music hall ballad

Morale in the camps

I talked with many POW's who had come through the initial period of misery and demoralization—due not to their treatment, but to their own degradation. There was a racket among them in such things as food and water and drugs. Any extra supplies they could get by any subterfuge, they sold to each other or refused to give up. This situation is much better lately, especially since the Chinese brought in other food instead of millet (which the Koreans eat) in spite of continuous U.S. strafing of the food convoys.

The POW's were allowed out every Sunday and free to go where they liked. The British behaved well and came back when told they were to be back, but some Americans caused a lot of trouble and had to be rounded up. There were cases of attempted rape and robbing during this free leave period. After that the Sunday outings had to be stopped; the prisoners can now no longer go to the villages but can still wander around a large area.

White Americans objected to being in the same houses with the Negroes; the British objected equally vehemently to being in the same houses with the white Americans, and asked to be separated.

DENUNCIATION AHEAD? The British attitude toward going home is on the whole that they hope something will be tried against them—they are eager to hit back. This is in contrast to the fear shown among the Americans.

Punishments are self-criticism and apologies. For bad crimes (robberies or attempted rape) the maximum punishment is to be locked up for six days. This means that instead of being in a house of six men, the POW has to be in a house alone and his tobacco and sugar rations are stopped; otherwise everything is the same.

Fear of going home is the most significant thing about U.S. POW's. This is linked with a fear and distrust of each other. None of them feels secure from denunciation, from someone reporting him as friendly to the Chinese.

I have heard of no POW being shot or having disappeared nor any rumors of such—and I talked to hundreds.

Christmas Story

To Father Clarence Duffy of the diocese of Kilmore, Ireland, now in New York, peace seemed an appropriate subject for a Christmas-season talk. When invited to speak to City College students Dec. 4, he took the subject: "Ways to End the War and Achieve World Peace."

A crowd of students gathered to hear the lecture. They were told that Father Duffy had telephoned the president of CCNY's Young Progressives, who organized the meeting, saying he could not appear.

Reason: The ecclesiastical authorities of the N.Y. Archdiocese had forbidden him to talk to the students on peace, under penalty of losing his good standing in the Church.

Father Duffy had just issued a public statement calling for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Gang probe renews N.Y. waterfront hope

A NEW YORK longshoreman, long-standing member of the AFL Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., led a GUARDIAN reporter into a building basement. Before talking he peered around corners. He was clearly underground.

He told of being ordered by ILA bosses to move cargo from the dockside to private cars. (According to testimony at current N.Y. Crime Commission hearings, "pilferage" included the hijacking of 10,000 tons of steel.)

He said he saw one of the waterfront racketeer Anastasia brothers fold up his newspaper and use it to strike a stevedore company representative across the face; the representative take it without protest.

AGAINST THE BOMBERS: Rank-and-file resistance to gang-rule, the longshoreman said, is carried on in underground meetings, fearful of bomb blasts and assassination. The **Dockers News**, voice of the rank and file opposed to president-for-life Joe Ryan, still comes out. But by and large the rank and file, shattered by head-on collisions with the ship-owner-gangster-union leader partnership, is not now strong enough to make a stand.

The future of the internal resistance to Ryan lies in long-range developments, particularly concerning Negro workers in the union. The ILA is 3-4% Negro in New York (in the past a key factor in rank-and-file insurgency) but 70% Negro nationally. Ryan, by entering unorganized fields, by appointing Negroes key lieutenants and by confining most of the rackets to N.Y. area, has built his strength out of town. For years he and the shipowners have tried to cut off N.Y. longshoremen from the rest of ILA, denouncing N.Y. insurgents as communists. But within the last two years, Negro workers in Southern and gulf ports have made secret contact with N.Y. rank-and-filers and set up a committee.

O'DWYER EXPOSED: The Crime Commission heard testimony linking gang rule to N.Y. and N.J. officials, revealing how ex-mayor and retiring ambassador Wm. O'Dwyer blocked prosecution of the murderer of Brooklyn insurgent longshoreman Peter Panto. In 1939 Panto was lured into a car, strangled, buried in a N.J. lime pit. O'Dwyer, then Dist. Atty. cultivating a reputation for crime-busting, had evidence in his files detailing the murder scene, listing Albert Anastasia as an eye-witness, presumably supervisor of the murder.

O'Dwyer, according to testimony, hinted plainly he could break the case if the American Labor Party, then almost alone in its fight to clean up the waterfront, would support him against La Guardia. (ALP remained loyal to La Guardia.) O'Dwyer as DA, later as mayor, quashed further investigation of either the murder or Ryan's rule. Two of Panto's murderers were electrocuted for other crimes. Anastasia was never troubled.

HALLEY ASKS ACTION: First sign of clean-up action came in proposals by N.Y. City Council pres. Rudolf Halley (elected last year in a break-away from the old parties). Halley dropped into the hopper four bills:

- Ending the shape-up (by which longshoremen line up for work each shift, are picked or blackballed arbitrarily by hiring bosses, many of them proven gangsters.)
- Requiring licenses for stevedores, loaders, longshoremen.
- Eliminating public loaders, making steamship companies directly responsible.
- Opening a study to determine whether the whole N.Y. waterfront should not be turned over to the Port Authority or a new special agency for supervision.

The Halley bills, if not circumvented and if supplemented by measures giving the ILA rank and file a chance, could go far to end the scandal. On TV Halley said "both major parties" were under waterfront gangsters' influence. He cited the list of guests of the Joseph P. Ryan Assn. last April which included several borough presidents, the Democratic and Republican leaders in the city and a "fruity bunch of mobsters."

WESTERN CONTRAST: A spokesman for the Intl. Longshore & Warehousemen's Union explained why the west coast waterfront is racket-free:

"For one thing the differential in wages is enormous. The average east coast longshoreman makes $1,700 a year; the average here, between $5,000 and $5,200. There is a hiring hall here, no shape-up like the AFL union has in the east. That means no casual labor can get onto the piers locally. The longshoremen have to be registered and hired from the hiring hall. As a result our men are steady guys who owns homes and automobiles. There are no kickbacks and loan sharking here."

The ILWU and its leader, Harry Bridges have long been under witch-hunting attack.

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Rosenberg clemency

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berg Case announced that the meeting will be held on the date announced at Walsh's Hall, 1012 N. Noble St., at 8 p.m.

Norman Thomas, former leader of the U.S. Socialist Party, in his syndicated newspaper column last week had no fair words for the Rosenbergs but nonetheless held that commutatiton of the death sentences

. . . would accord with justice and sound public policy as well as mercy.

AN UPRIGHT JUDGE: In its current appeals, the Rosenberg defense has argued that the case was pre-tried in the newspapers with a steady stream of inflammatory statements by government officials; a week ago Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan dismissed these arguments with the declaration that the U.S. enjoys a free press. But last week Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who tried the Rosenberg case and decreed the death sentences, found that waterfront racketeer Edward J. Florio had been prejudiced by a "hostile atmosphere" created by New York newspapers, granted him a change of venue to Washington, D.C.

Last week the Comm. to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (1050 Sixth Av., New York 18, N.Y.) made an emergency appeal for $50,000 to carry on the fight. It cited investigative and research work to prove the couple's innocence as a major financial item, and listed these planned or continuing activities:

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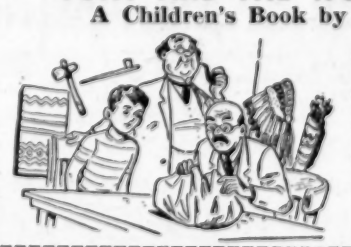

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